

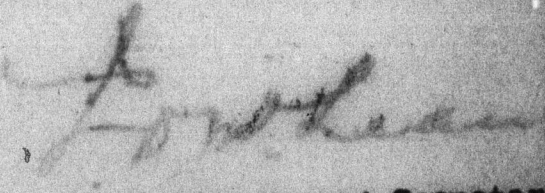
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Ottawa, 2nd May 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that in a recent report received from Mr. T. Wilson, Inspector of Indian Orchards, the following remarks occurred with regard to the Matsqui Indians, they "remain very much as they were last year. There is considerable sickness and destitution among them. They are doing very little good although they have a beautiful reserve". The Department desires to receive from you a full report in this connection. You should inform the Department why, if these Indians have good land, they are not more prosperous, and I may say that you should do all that is possible to stimulate industry on their part.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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